

"Look! Look!" she cried. "It was a sail standing out sharp and clear against the sky, as the sun's rays clothed it with a dazzling gleam."

"Look! Look!" repeated Molly in tones so strange as to seem scarcely to have fallen from human lips.

Kate's eyes followed her cousin's movements with a startled look in them and the multistars, with a cursing shake of the head, reached quickly out and laid hold of Molly's arm.

"Come, come," she cried. "But the words didn't seem to reach Molly's ears."

"Come, dear Molly!" pleaded Kate. And with these words she tried to lead her away to turn her gaze away from that sail, hung like a gleaming white curtain on the far western sky.

"No, no," she cried pushing Nanny aside with a startling vigor.

But this mental exaltation ended suddenly. The sun passed under a cloud, and the white and glistening vision faded into nothingness.

Once more Molly's arms dropped listlessly by her side, the vacant stare came back to her eyes and the consciousness of the situation ceased.

Then Kate took her by the hand, and she allowed herself to be led quickly back to Prospect cottage.

From now on, by Law Barker's directions, Molly was not to be taken for a walk outside of the villa grounds.

It was at this juncture that Andrew Hollister decided to inform Captain John of everything that had happened, the mental aberration of Mrs. Allaire having now been explained.

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There were now but two chances against him: Molly's death before that of the testator, or the return of Captain John, who later event was a very possible one.

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mind, though extraordinary in Captain John's turning up again. "After several months have passed without any tidings of the ship and in the face of the fact that all my investigations have proven fruitless."

"But there is nothing to show that the Dreadnaught went down in the open sea," resumed Barker. "May she not have been wrecked on some of the reefs which are so plentiful in those latitudes?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Hollister. "I know there have been some miraculous ones. I have argued the thing out to myself just as you have done."

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**A WAIL OF DISTRESS**  
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HE IS IN NEED OF A FEW SEEDS.

Enlightened on Viticulture by a North Carolina Moonshiner.  
A GREAT COUNTRY TO GROW LUNGS.

[CORRESPONDENCE TO THE DISPATCH.] SKYLAND, BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, July 2. I have just finished the following epistle to Hon. Jeremiah M. Rusk, Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., and will jog over the hills to the postoffice with it in the morning.

Sir—Would it bother you too much to send me a few seeds for my place here in North Carolina for use another season? We have a climate here that is peculiarly adapted to the growing of fruit, but not especially good for cereals. It is about the same climate as that of France and Italy, but there are not so many foreigners here.

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is superior to many of the cultivated grapes of the North. The color of the native wine here is very exhilarating, but this is followed later on by a most profound depression. I visited a vineyard here last week. It was in a retired place in the mountains where there is a kind of reclus who makes the native wines in great profusion. I did not see his vineyard, but saw most everything else on the place.

W. M. Moonshiner. As soon as he found out that I was not connected with the Government in any way he made me welcome. I do not know when I have felt so welcome as I did then. Both of us felt welcome. He laid aside his work in the vineyard for the day.

"And do you have to tread the wine press all day?" asked, looking up into his clear, honest eyes. "He makes a sort of native wine for the Government. "And do you have to tread the wine press all day?" I repeated.

"No, no, Mr. Moonshiner, you must permit me to take the payment of John's salary to my wife during her lifetime." "In her name I thank you," replied Law Barker. "You are perfectly correct."

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**NOBILITY AT HOME.**  
Rules of Life Among the Titled Class of the Queen's Domain.  
PLEASURE IS A SCIENCE THERE.

Contrast With the Grotesque Social Writings of Our Own Rich.  
THE INFORMALITIES OF A VISIT.

[CORRESPONDENCE TO THE DISPATCH.] LONDON, June 31.—English literature, rather that portion comprised in English fiction, has certainly done injustice to British nobility in at least one respect. It has totally misinformed all of us who are plebeian, and rather like remaining so, to the everyday life of the British aristocracy.

Nobody loves this class. Nobody believes in its hereditary rights and privileges, save those clergy who hold "livings" under them and the other lackeys that serve them. Nobody has any sympathy whatever with its semi-regal pretensions and prerogatives. Nobody has the slightest confidence that a century hence any such class will continue to exist in Great Britain.

And yet every one of us notwithstanding our floutings and scoffings has the keenest interest in glimpses of its members' daily lives. Your British lord really believes in himself. That is worth something to character, and builds up on the lines of equitable living and true dignity with anybody.

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entertainment received in London and in all parts of the world, from the Shetland Islands to British India. Whether guests are invited for a day, a week, or a month, the invitations are for a period absolutely limited in duration; and no social law of the British aristocracy is more inviolate than this.

The etiquette of reception of guests is most simple. Indeed there is less formality shown in the actual relations of host to guest in a British nobleman's home than will be at any time confronted in the house of a Hoboken brewer or a Kansas City merchant in town.

How the Guests are Received. Milord's valet and milady's maid meet the arriving guests at the castle entrance and conduct them at once to the drawing room, where the host and hostess receive and welcome them; but they are not delayed in being shown to their apartments. Menus, lists of the household, and other such trifles are given to the guests' servants.

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**STOPPING A TORPEDO.**  
How Experts Figure That a Battleship Could Escape a Charge.  
FINANCES OF THE OSTRICH FARM.

Prizes of the Fingers Make a Signature Always Identifiable.  
RULES FOR THE CARE OF THE EYES.

[CORRESPONDENCE TO THE DISPATCH.] Recent developments in war in China demonstrate the destructiveness of the torpedo. In order to insure to a battleship complete immunity against danger it is absolutely necessary, it is said, that it should not be depended upon to stop a